

Community Relations

Distribution of Materials to and by Students

The Ledyard Board of Education directs the Superintendent or designee to strictly interpret this policy. In case of differences of opinion, the decision of the Superintendent will be final.

While the distribution of printed materials to and/or by students may be beneficial, such activities shall not interfere with the educational process. Any such distribution of materials must meet the following restrictions:

1. Posters

Posters may be displayed in the schools only if they publicize activities or functions of the following types of organizations:

- Student clubs, teams, or other formally recognized organizations.
- School-related parent/guardian organizations.
- Town agencies.
- Local philanthropic organizations

In addition, posters publicizing events put on by organizations whose goals are compatible with those of the school district may be displayed.

2. Flyers

Flyers may not be distributed directly to students unless they publicize activities or functions of school clubs, teams, or other school or town-related formal organizations. Schools will distribute flyers from any group intended to serve youth under the age of twenty-one (21) listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, which includes but is not limited to Big Brothers & Big Sisters of America, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Little League Baseball, Inc., Civil Air Patrol, and Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Flyers publicizing events put on by non-profit organizations whose goals are compatible with those of the school district may be made available to students in the school office.

3. Announcements

The public address system of the school shall not be used to publicize any activity unless it is directly related to a curricular or extra-curricular function of the school.

4. Content

The materials may not relate to any religious belief or activity, or promote private gain, or a political position, party, or candidate. This is not intended to exclude material pertaining to student government elections, material used for classroom instruction and discussion, simple announcements of student activities including religious or political ones, or as related to controversial issues, (see policy #6144).

Budget/Referendum Materials

Information concerning a budget or referendum specifying only the time, date and location may be disseminated through the students. This information may not contain statements or be written in a manner which may advocate a position on the budget or on a referendum question.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

9-369b Explanatory text relating to local questions.

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